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Info:

In order keep dangerous Communists out circulation Hemisphere X Department wishes you urge discreetly Guatemalan Government withhold safe conducts ~~from~~ ~~them~~ until satisfactory destination arranged.

Whether or not legal basis exists ~~in~~ Guatemala for prosecution Communists and Moscow agents we believe ~~is~~ dangerous to Hemisphere ~~to~~ extend to international Communists privileges diplomatic asylum X which clearly developed ~~to~~ cover persons sought for political offenses relating domestic controversies, not political offenses connected international conspiracies X i.e. Communists should be considered class additional ~~to~~ common criminals not entitled asylum.

Guatemalan insistence this principle might succeed if reinforced by delaying safe conducts for less harmful individuals in asylum X who are distinct burden ~~in~~ embassies affected, until Guatemala obtains agreement surrender Communists and persons established guilty criminal offenses. This would establish crucially important example precedent for refusal asylum Communists.

General acceptance in Latin America this modification asylum doctrine would probably require careful limiting to known Communists whose affiliation not disputed.

Persons classifiable neither as criminals nor admitted Communists but

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STILL dangerous ~~=~~ free world cause ~~f~~ e.g. Arbenz, Toriello, Estrada de la Hoz ~~X~~ etc. ~~F~~ are separate from foregoing categories. Department hopes they may not receive safe conducts until suitable disposition can be thoroughly worked out or until passage time rend· them less dangerous.

FYI Department has sounded out well known LA figure with view his publicly expressing view Communists not entitled diplomatic asylum so that LA opinion can begin form atmosphere more favorable to kind ~~f~~ solution suggested above; his initial action favorable.

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